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Temperance—Warren Jackson, C. B. Thomas, W. R. Glover.

Education—C. J. Thomas, J. H. Britt, W. B. Godwin.

Ministerial Labor—C. J. Thomas, L. W. Warren, R. McLeod, G. N. Waters, W. H. Barnes.

Executive—B. P. Parks, W. A. Jackson, W. H. Lucas.

Mission Board—J. C. Williford, C. J. Thomas.

Ordaining Council—W. R. Coats, D. R. Ennis, D. C. Johnson.

Apportionment Committee—W. A. Jackson, W. H. Martin, Warren Jackson, C. J. Thomas, W. H. Barnes.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESSES:

Ennis, L. R.	Coats, N. C.
Benson, W. A.	Goldsboro, N. C.
Coats, W. R.	Four Oaks, N. C.
Ennis, D. R.	Coats, N. C.
Faircloth, H. R.	Smithfield, N. C.
Glover, W. R.	Dunn, N. C.
Johnson, D. C.	Smithfield, N. C.
McKay, E. J.	Dunn, N. C.
Moore, J. W.	Princeton, N. C.
Thomas, R. D.	Four Oaks, N. C.
Wallace, J. R.	Four Oaks, N. C.
Westbrook, Ezekiel	Newton Grove, N. C.
Lucas, J. W.	Duke, N. C.
Whittenton, J. G.	Coats, N. C.
W .H. Lancaster	Smithfield, N. C.

LICENTIATES:

Avery Lee.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1—Introductory Sermon.

2—Enrollment of Standing Committees.

3—Enrollment of Ordained Ministers.

4—Enrollment of Licentiates.

5—Enrollment of Churches and Delegates.

6—Organization.

7—Appointment of Temporary Committees.

8—Petitionary Letters.

9—Hand of Fellowship to Visiting Members.

10—Reports from Churches.

11—Reports from Standing Committees.

12—Resolutions.

13—Reports from Temporary Committees.

14—Petition for next session of Conference.

15—Miscellaneous Business.

16—Vote Taken for the sitting of the next session.

17—Election of Officers.

18—Election of delegates to other conferences.

19—Arrangements of Introductory at next session.

20—Vote of thanks.

21—Adjournment.

FIRST DAY
OAK GROVE CHURCH
November 3rd, 1921.

The Sixty-Seventh Annual Session of the Cape Fear Original Free Will Baptist Conference, convened with the church and on the date above mentioned. Elder A. B. Peavey preached the introductory sermon. Text: Exodus 14-15.

One hour is given for dinner.

AFTERNOON—FIRST DAY

Conference assembled at 2:30. Prayer by Elder J. R. Wallace. Introductory remarks by the Moderator.

ENROLLMENT—OFFICERS

B. P. Parks, Moderator; R. M. Parker, Treasurer; W. A. Jackson, Secretary.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Obituaries—D. R. Ennis.
Ministerial Labor—L. W. Warren.
Executive—W. A. Jackson.
Ordaining Council—D. R. Ennis.
Apportionment Committee—W. A. Jackson, Warren Jackson.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

D. R. Ennis, H. R. Faircloth, J. R. Wallace, Ezekiel Westbrook, J. G. Whittenton, E. J. McKay.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Casey's Chapel—Mrs. Myrtie Parks.
Goldsboro—Mrs. D. H. Williams, W. L. Parker.
Hopewell—R. A. Langdon, Walter Langdon.
Oak Grove—J. E. Warren, N. R. Lewis.
Roberts Grove—W. H. Carroll, M. F. Jackson.
Rock Ridge—E. W. Giles.
Shady Grove—Ammie Wooten, J. G. Hudson.
St. Marys Grove—(By Letter).
Prospect—J. H. Parker, L. G. Ryals.
Union Springs—R. J. Pleasants, J. A. Whittenton, W. A. Gregory.
Yelverton's Grove—H. B. Adams, Cisero Peden.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Religious Exercises—J. E. Warren, N. R. Lewis, D. R. Ennis.

Finance—H. B. Adams, W. L. Parker, Ammie Wooten.

Visiting Ministers—The hand of fellowship is extended Elder W. B. Everett of the Eastern Conference.

Report of Ordaining Council—(See Report.)

Report of Committee on Religion Exercises—To preach tonight at 7:30, Elder J. R. Wallace.

J. E. WARREN,
N. R. LEWIS,
D. R. ENNIS.

On motion Conference closed until tomorrow, 9:30 A. M.

SECOND DAY—NOVEMBER 4th

Conference reassembled at 9:30 A. M. Prayer by Elder W. R. Glover.

ENROLLMENT

Obituaries—J. W. Lucas.

Temperance—W. R. Glover, W. R. Coats.

Education—C. J. Thomas, J. H. Britt.

Committee on Ministerial Labor—C. J. Thomas, W. H. Barnes.

Executive Committee—W. R. Coats.

Mission Board—C. J. Thomas, W. H. Barnes.

Ordaining Council—W. R. Coats.

Apportionment Committee—C. J. Thomas, W. H. Martin, W. H. Barnes.

Ordained Ministers—J. W. Lucas, W. R. Glover, W. R. Coats, R. D. Thomas.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Bethel—C. J. Thomas, Lewis Johnson, Francis Johnson.

Johnson Union—H. H. Underwood, Elizabeth Faircloth, Lizzie Stephens.

Oak Grove—C. E. Lee.

Lees Chapel—T. S. Godwin, S. T. Herring.

Pleasant Grove—(By Letter.)

Riverside—J. O. Creech, M. C. Williford, W. H. Martin.

St. Paul—G. H. Bass, M. N. Edwards, A. H. Britt.

St. John—J. A. Vincen.

Shady Grove—Kirby West.

Rock Ridge—J. E. Dorman, Ellen Dorman.
Powhatan—J. A. Corbett, J. J. Williams.
The Committee on religious Exercises report to preach at 11:00 A. M., Elder E. J. McKay.

BY COMMITTEE.

Reports are received from the various churches. All received and read before the body. (See Statistical Table.)

At 11:00 o'clock Conference took a recess for preaching and dinner.

AFTERNOON

Conference reassembled at 1:30. Prayer by Elder R. D. Thomas. Business was continued under reports from churches.

A resolution by J. H. Britt is received for discussion and adopted. (See resolution.)

Committee on religious exercises reports to preach at 7:30, Elder H. R. Faircloth, open by Elder J. W. Lucas. BY COMMITTEE.

Petitions are received from Bethel, Shady Grove, Hopewell and Johnson Union, for the next conference. By vote Bethel gets the next conference. The confer ence excuses Elder E. J. McKay for the remainder of the session.

On motion the conference sends a delegate to the cooperative association to be held at Marshal, N. C. Brother W. A. Jackson is elected. Expenses to be paid by the conference. Conference close until 9:30. Benediction by Elder W. R. Coats.

THIRD DAY—NOVEMBER 5th, 1921.

Conference reassembled according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder W. B. Everett.

Enrollment.

Churches and Delegates—LaGrange—(By Letter.)

Committee on Obituaries make report. (See report.)

Educational Committee makes report. (See report.)

Ministerial Labor makes report. (See report.)

Mission Board makes report. (See report.)

Committee on religious exercises report to preach at 11:00 A. M. Elder W. B. Everett Sunday 11:00 A. M. and Elder W. R. Glover.

Conference takes a recess of two hours for preaching and dinner.

AFTERNOON—THIRD DAY

Conference assembled at 1:30. Prayer by Elder H. R. Faircloth. Report of Treasurer and Finance Committee. (See Report.)

Report of Apportionment Committee. (See report.)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator—W. R. Coats.
Secretary—W. A. Jackson.
Treasurer—R. M. Parker.

STANDING COMMITTEES ELECTED

On Temperance—Warren Jackson in W. R. Coats' place and C. B. Thomas in W. P. Williford's place.

Executive Committee—B. P. Parks.

Election of Delegates to other conferences.

Eastern Conference—H. R. Faircloth.

Central Conference—D. R. Ennis.

Western Conference—J. R. Wallace.

On motion a vote of thanks be extended the Church of Oak Grove for the hospitable manner in which they have cared for the Conference.

The Board to make further apportiona-.z . b ,m,d

A collection of $16.12 is made for Bro. L. R. Ennis. The Board to make further appropriation to the amount of $100.00.

Resolution by C. J. Thomas and Warren Jackson is offered and adopted. (See resolutions.)

On motion we have 1,000 copies of the proceedings of the conference printed.

On motion we extend to Bro. B. P. Parks a vote of thanks for the manly way in which he has presided over the Conference during the time he has been Moderator.

On motion Conference closes to meet with Bethel Church on Thursday before the first Sunday in November 1922 at 12 M.

Song—"The Last Mile of the Way." Closing remarks and prayer by Elder W. R. Coats.

B. P. PARKS, Moderator,
W. A. JACKSON, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

By Warren Jackson and C. J. Thomas:

Whereas, heretofore, we have had no provision made for our disabled ministers; Be it resolved! That, the apportionment committee be directed to set aside out of the general fund from time to time such amount as they may think wise and proper,

WARREN JACKSON,
C. J. THOMAS, Committee.

Believing that it would be better and more inspiring to the churches to set a goal that would be reached instead of one too high as at present: Be it, therefore, Resolved! That each church in the conference send to the annual conference twenty-five (25) cents per member as a general conference fund instead of the present requirement of one ($1.00) dollar per male member and fifty (50) cents for each female. This resolution shall take the place of all former resolutions that affect in any way the conference funds.

J. H. BRITT.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Ordaining Council:

We, the ordaining council, report as follows: We have examined Bros. W. H. Lancaster and Bro. L. R. Ennis and found them orthodox in the faith and doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Church and have ordained them and set them apart to the full work of the ministry. We have also reapproved the credentials of Elder E. J. McKay. Also we have approved the credentials of Elder W. A. Benson of the Western Conference upon the recommendations received from said Conference. We therefore recommend that these names be placed on the list of ordained ministers.

W. R. COATS,
D. R. ENNIS.

OBITUARIES REPORT

We, the committee on Obituaries beg to report as follows: The Lord has wonderfully blessed our ministers during the past year, but in his wisdom he has called from our number our much beloved Bro. and Elder J. S. Ellis. (See Obituaries.)

We, the apportionment committee beg to report as follows for 1921:

For Orphanage 25 per cent of total receipts	$57.36
For Education 30 per cent of total receipts	68.82
For Printing Co. 15 per cent total receipts	34.42
For Miscellaneous 30 per cent of total receipts	68.83
	$229.43

Respectfully submitted
W. A. JACKSON,
W. H. MARTIN,
W. H. BARNES,
C. J. THOMAS,
WARREN JACKSON.

REPORT OF TREASURER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:

We, the Treasurer and Finance Committee, wish to report as follows:

We find on hand at the close of the last conference	$555.24

PAID OUT SINCE LAST CONFERENCE

For printing minutes and expense	66.36
Paid W. A. Jackson, clerk	10.00
Paid E. W. Giles, for Rock Ridge church	50.00
Paid out for Orphanage	104.45
Total Paid out	$230.81
Balance on hand from last conference	$324.43
Fines	2.00
Received at this conference	229.43
Total on hand to date	$555.86

Nov. 5, 1921.

R. M. PARKER, Treasurer.
AMMIE WOOTEN, Chairman.
H. B. ADAMS,
W. L. PARKER.

REPORT OF THE MISSION BOARD

In viewing the situation about us we find that there is great need of more mission work. We find also that there are some of our ministers who are not serving any churches. We therefore, recommend that these idle ministers get out and establish mission points. We

also pay the church at Union Springs $25.00 as assistant part pastor's salary.

C. J. THOMAS,
W. H. BARNES, Committee.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

We, your committee on education report as follows:

We are in possession of information that the proposed college at Ayden, N. C., is under construction and hopes to reach completion not later than September 1st, 1922. We respectfully ask all our people to rally to the demands made by Bro. M. C. Prescott in regards to said college.

J. H. BRITT,
C. J. THOMAS, Committee.

REPORT of COMMITTEE on MINISTERIAL LABOR

We, your committee, beg to say that we find nothing derogatory to the character of any of our ministers except Elder Ezekiel Westbrook who was silenced by the church at Shady Grove in the month of August and on the 6th day, upon various charges brought against him from the people of Oak Grove church and community.

We recommend a continuation of this order by this conference for a period of one year from this day.

Respectfully,
C. J. THOMAS,
W. H. BARNES,
L. W. WARREN.

P. S. Bro. Westbrook was given 30 days to make satisfactory arrangements and said committee are empowered to change above report as they may think best and proper to do. On this the 10th day of December 1921 (being more than 30 days) there has been no information received from the committee on ministerial Labor asking for any change in their report, therefore, their report stands as shown in these minutes and all people are hereby notified to this effect.

SECRETARY.

OBITUARY OF ELDER J. S. ELLIS

Bro. J. S. Ellis was born of poor but humble parentage. He was converted at the age of 20 under the preaching of Elder R. A. Johnson, Turnage and Creech. He joined the Free Will Baptist chuch at Johnson

Union Church, Johnston county. Soon after he united with the church he received the call to go carry the gospel. He was granted license afterwards he was ordained and began his work as a minister, which he filled well, serving the churches of Johnson Union, Union Springs, and several others. Much good was accomplished through his work.

During his late years his health failed and he was unable to do much labor of any kind.

He leaves a good record behind. He died ———— 1921. He leaves only three children, his wife having died a few years ago. Bro. Ellis never received very much compensation for his services, but we trust he is now reaping bountifully his reward. May God bless all sorrowing relatives and friends.

D. C. JOHNSON.

TABLE I—SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SUPERINTENDENTS

Schools and Superintendents	Delegates	Members on Roll	Average Attendance	Members S. S. on Church Roll	No. Joined Church From S. S.	Paid For Literature	Miscellaneous Fund.
Lees Chapel, J. A. Smith	Alyne Strickland	141	71	75	11	$14.71	$41.00
Oak Grove, Avery Lee	N. C. Lee	98	55	25	1	11.92	1.46
Shady Grove, W. A. Jackson	R. B. Spencer	261	110	131	26	47.56	13.49
Roberts Grove, S. F. Jackson	Warren Jackson	72	55			6.51	10.65
Ccrinth, W. N. Dixon	I. C. Strickland	75	50	30		10.00	20.00
Prospect, R. McLeod	J. B. Parker	60	40	30		20.00	
Union Hill, W. R. Strickland	Estel Jackson	65	56	43	4	5.00	.75
Bethseda, B. G. Smith	Floyd Dawson	90	80	75	9	30.00	12.00
Stoney Run, J. B. Weeks	S. M. Tew	85	55	70	30	8.00	
Antioch Baptist, L. W. Starling	L. B. Starling	60	45	38	3	6.35	
Maple Grove, Bert Blackman			53			13.12	10.83
Duke Methodist, E. C. Geddie		150	125				

The Convention met Lees Chapel, on Saturday before the Second Sunday in October 1921. The next Convention will meet at Shady Grove on Saturday before the Second Sunday in October 1922, at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

KIRBY WEST, President,
N. E. BROCK, Secretary.

TABLE II—STATISTICAL

Churches and Counties	Conference Funds.	Paid to Pastor	Assistant Pastorial Service.	Miscellaneous Fund.	Value of Church Property.	Received.	Baptised.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Died.	Increased.	Decreased.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Bethel, Johnston	$ 8.25	$300.00	$ 30.00	$110.00	$1,200.00	28	24	3			25		74	101	175
Corinth, Sampson	2.50	55.00	5.25	10.00	1,000.00	4				1	3		40	42	81
Casey's Chapel, Wayne	12.00	195.00	36.60	262.86	5,000.00	10	9		7	1	2		34	53	87
Daly's Chapel, Lenoir															
Goldsboro, Wayne	28.20	723.27	40.00	152.27	4,000.00	83	60	1	2		80		73	108	181
Hopewell, Johnston	32.15	396.66	11.80	9.00	1,000.00	7	7			1	6		49	73	122
Lee's Chapel, Sampson	8.75	141.30	10.00	255.00	1,000.00	16	13	1		2	13		69	86	155
LaGrange, Lenoir	4.00	2.75	30.00		3,000.00					1		1	7	28	35
Johnson Union, Johnston	11.00	400.00			7,500.00	41	31		1	4	36		57	78	135
Oak Grove, Sampson	6.00	250.00	16.00	20.00	1,500.00	1	2	2	3	2		4	18	63	81
Powhatan, Johnston	33.50	301.55	84.48	6.00	1,000.00	20	7	2			18		67	88	155
Prospect, Harnett	3.05	26.05	16.54	24.00	1,000.00					2		2	20	28	48
Pleasant Grove, Harnett	4.43	75.00	8.00	12.00	1,500.00	8	5	1		2	5		29	44	73
Riverside, Wayne	5.00	113.00	6.75	15.00	1,000.00	6	4	6					29	48	77
Robert's Grove, Sampson	8.75	125.00							1	2		3	19	39	58
Shady Grove, Sampson	23.50	500.00	86.00	135.00	2,000.00	29	26	3	1	3	22		129	293	422
St. Paul, Sampson	10.00	250.00		215.00	1,200.00	20	15	5		1	14				122
St. Mary's, G. Johnston	9.00	75.00	9.40		600.00	13	13			1	12		32	52	84
St. John, Wayne	6.00	100.00			1,200.00										62
Union Spring, Johnston	5.00	31.00	2.00		500.00	9	3		1		8		9	19	28
Rock Ridge, Harnett	5.00	100.00			1,500.00					1			18	28	46
Yelverton's Grove, Johnston	5.00	70.00	10.00	29.94	1,000.00	7	5		1		7		9	18	27

TABLE III—CHURCH DIRECTORY—1921

Church	Clerk	Postoffice Address	Pastor for 1921
Bethel	Joe Moore	Four Oaks	L. Vernon
Bizzel's Grove	G. E. Edwards	Mount Olive	
Corinth	N. C. Strickland	Dunn	J. W. Lucas
Casey's Chapel	Benjamin Casey	Goldsboro	L. Vernon
Daly's Chapel	J. S. Wade	LaGrange	L. Vernon
Goldsboro	L. C. Davis	Goldsboro	W. B. Everett
Hopewell	Mallie Johnson	Smithfield	H. R. Faircloth
Johnson Union	John S. Davis	Wilson Mills	H. R. Faircloth
Lee's Chapel	W. B. Godwin	Dunn	D. R. Ennis
Oak Grove	Westbrook Lee, Sr.	Newton Grove	D. R. Ennis
Powhatan	N. C. Smith	Clayton	H. R. Faircloth
Prospect	R. McLeod	Duke	J. W. Lucas
Pleasant Grove	W. J. West	Duke	D. C. Johnson
Riverside	W. H. Martin	Princeton	J. R. Wallace
Robert's Grove	S. F. Jackson	Cooper	W. H. Lancaster
Shady Grove	W. A. Jackson	Cooper	J. E. Sawyer
St. Paul	J. H. Britt	Newton Grove	D. R. Ennis
St. Mary's	R. A. Coats	Four Oaks	D. C. Johnson
St. John	George E. Moye	Goldsboro	W. H. Lancaster
Union Springs	W. A. Gregory	Coats	J. G. Whittenton
Rock Ridge	J. E. Dorman	Dunn	D. R. Ennis
LaGrange	C. W. Wilson	LaGrange	W. B. Everett
Yelverton Grove	L. E. Adams	Smithfield	J. R. Wallace

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